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NEW CASTLE WOMAN SENTENCED FOR FILING FALSE INCOME TAX RETURNS

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that LINDA L. WHITEHEAD, 70, New Castle, Indiana, was sentenced to six months in the United States Bureau of Prisons late Friday by U.S. District Chief Judge David F. Hamilton following her guilty pleas to filing false income tax returns for the years 1999, 2000, and 2001. This case was the result of a investigation by the Internal Revenue Service.

WHITEHEAD believed she was not required to pay income taxes and did not file her personal income tax returns for the years 1999, 2000, and 2001 when they were due. WHITEHEAD later declared bankruptcy and filed income tax returns for the years 1999-2001 during June 2003. WHITEHEAD, however, failed to report all of the income she had received in each of these years on the returns. This unreported income resulted in a total income tax deficiency in excess of \$80,000.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Joe H. Vaughn, who prosecuted the case for the government, Chief Judge Hamilton also imposed 3 years supervised release following WHITEHEAD's release from the Bureau of Prisons. During the period of supervised release, WHITEHEAD must cooperate with the IRS in the computation of any civil tax assessments, penalties, and interest. WHITEHEAD was fined in the amount of \$100,000.

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